



Culpeper County Library Children's programs

Bedtime Storytimes are held on Tuesdays. These storytimes are for the whole family, and children are encouraged to attend in their pj's and bring a favorite stuffed animal. There is no registration required for Bedtime Storytimes.



Registration for Winter and Spring Toddler and Pre-school Storytimes are on the following days: Tuesday, January 6 (for Storytimes January 13 to February 3) Tuesday, February 17 (for Storytimes February 24 through March 30) and Tuesday, April 6 (for Storytimes April 13 through May 18). All available slots are usually filled by the end of the first day, so be sure to mark your calendar. You must register in person.

National Library Week is April 18-24

Check our newsletter or website at <http://tlc.library.net/culpeper> for special events during that week to celebrate libraries.

Thanks to a generous donation by the Thoreson family, as a memorial to Jon Thoreson, the Library now has an educational lab that is available adjacent to the Children's area and in the Young Adult area. Please take a moment to look at our latest addition. Software loaded on these computers includes "Dancing Dinos," "Arthur's Reading Games," "Lawrence E. Duck," "Math Blaster," "I Spy Junior," "Leap into Phonics," "Life in Colonial America," "Reading Blaster," and "Arthur's Math Games."

Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.

The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.



Friends

A leaf on **the Giving Tree** in the Meeting Room at the Library makes a great gift for any occasion and supports the Friends of the Library. Personalize your own four line inscription to honor a special friend or mentor. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. A special dedication will be held September 21 at the annual Friends meeting.

Third Thursday Book Discussion Groups

Meet the Third Thursday of each month to discuss various books.
Try out our book discussion groups which meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
A list of selected books for 2004 discussions is available at the Circulation Desk.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

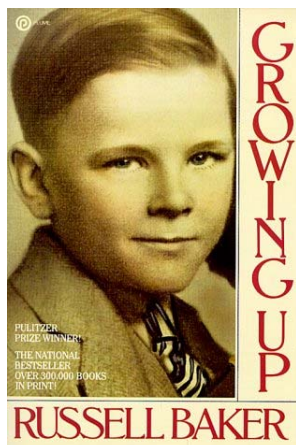
Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



You will find books and related materials for all ages and interests. Our prices are truly a bargain. Also, look over our offerings on the bookstore shelf, located to the right as you enter the Library. Donations of new or used books are accepted during all regular library hours. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jean Harris at 829-4950. And, some of our patrons have inquired in the past, and now we can say "YES!" The Friends of the Library do have book jacket covers on sale. They have recently been put on display in the used book store. They are clear plastic, very sturdy and sold in packets for \$3.00, containing three different sizes.

While you're in the book store, take a close look at the Friends canvas book bags - so convenient! and only \$6.00. We recommend them for carrying home all the great used books you'll be buying.



Mark your calendars early for **Sunday, May 2, 2004**. The Friends of the Library will host a talk by Russell Baker, winner of 2 Pulitzer Prizes and currently host of the PBS Masterpiece Theatre. Russell Baker began his career in journalism in 1947 after graduating from Johns Hopkins University. He was a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* from 1947 until 1954, at which time he joined the *New York Times* in Washington and covered the White House, Congress, and the State Department. In 1962 he began writing his "Observer" column which he continued until 1998. He won his first Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1979 and another in 1983 for his biography *Growing Up*, which became a best-seller and was one of the selections of the Friends' book discussion group in 2003. He has published more than a dozen books. Mr. Baker was born in Loudoun County and currently resides in Leesburg, which he affectionately referred to as Burgville in his "Observer" columns.

The Library will be open on Lee-Jackson Day and Martin Luther King's Birthday in January. We are closed February 16th for President's Day.

The 6th Annual FOR A CHILD'S HEALTH

will be held inside and outside the library on
Saturday, April 24th
from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



For the kids there are free snacks, giveaways, ambulances, fire trucks, the Crime Scene Dogs, petting zoo, papermaking booth, face painting and a special landing of the Air Care medi-vac helicopter. For the parents, many family focused agencies will be present to display their resources and answer questions about daycare, dental care, health care and more.

The Library is proud to present our most recent addition: Wi-Fi or **Wireless Internet** service for the public. Anyone with a wireless connection to their laptop or PDA will appreciate this offering. The Library has had a T-1 line since we opened in 1998.



HeritageQuest Online:

The Library has available a "unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture." Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this "powerful online library, with original page images for all documents," either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our home-page and link up!

REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experiences encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- \$ Pursue higher education
- \$ Obtain jobs or job promotions
- \$ Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Educational Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- \$ Language Arts, Writing
- \$ Social Studies
- \$ Science
- \$ Language Arts, Reading
- \$ Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.



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Start Your Engines for a Better Job!
Ask about the Fast Track GED class

Regional Adult Education
(540) 825-0476

Register for Adult Classes in your area for **GED** Preparation, or work on your reading, writing and math skills. Call for information.

Culpeper Literacy Council GED-9:00-12:00 Noon/Monday & Wednesday
501 N. Main Street, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper GED-5:30-8:00 p.m./ Tuesday & Thursday
Culpeper County High School, Room #221, 14240 Achievement Dr., Culpeper, VA

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Register for Adult Classes in your area:

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL-English As A Second Language

6:30-9:00 p.m. /Tuesday & Thursday

Culpeper Career Resource Center

219 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA

Regional TFL-5:30-8:00 p.m./ Monday & Thursday

G.W. Carver-Piedmont Education Center

Rt. 15 (5.5 miles South of Culpeper)

Madison GED-6:00-8:30 p.m./ Tuesday & Thursday

Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA.

Gordonsville GED-6:30-9:00 p.m./ Monday & Wednesday

Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA

Orange GED-6:30-9:00 p.m./ Tuesday & Thursday/LC-4 Mobile Classroom behind

Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA

Orange/Madison ESOL-English As A Second Language/ 7:00-9:00 p.m./Monday

Orange Presbyterian Church, 162 W. Main St., Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED-7:00-9:00 p.m./ Monday & Thursday

Rappahannock County Library, 4 Library Rd., Washington, VA

G. W. Carver - Piedmont Education Center

GED Testing Schedule for 2004

Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner

January 23 & 24, 2004

February 6 & 7, 2004

March 12 & 13, 2004

(March 22, 2004 Make Ups: 7:00-10:00 p.m.)

April 2 & 3, 2004

April 30 & May 1, 2004

June 4 & 5, 2004

(June 21, 2004 Make Ups: 7:00-10:00 p.m.)

July 24, 2004 (Saturday)

August 20 & 21, 2004

(August 23, 2004 Make Ups: 7:00-10:00 p.m.)

September 10 & 11, 2004

October 1 & 2, 2004

(October 18, 2004 Make Ups: 7:00-10:00 p.m.)

November 12 & 13, 2004

December 3 & 4, 2004

Effective January 1, 2004 all test takers must be assessed prior to signing up for the GED test.

Is there a particular class you would like to have offered locally? Please give us a call with your suggestion.

It is essential to have a group of 5 or more individuals interested in the same subject to offer the class.

Let us hear your ideas. When we have a firm commitment of 5 people, we will contract a teacher to teach the class.

Space is available for day or evening classes.

Please contact Margaret A. Buraker, Regional Director at (540) 825-0476